Loss due to Natural Calamities

1254. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DATTATRAY BANDARU:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the value of crops and property damaged due to flood, drought, cyclone, hailstorm and other natural calamities, separately during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Shortfall in production of Central Coalfield Limited

1255. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of production fixed for Central Coalfield Limited during the last three years has been achieved; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ginger Cultivation

1256. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of Ginger during the last three years, State-Wise;

(b) whether Ginger growing farmers are facing problems;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage cultivation of Ginger and to increase its support price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The State-wise estimates of production of ginger available for the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91) are given in the statement attached.

(b) to (d). In the event of crash in prices, in order to avoid distress sale of ginger, Market Intervention Scheme is implemented on receipt of proposal from the State Governments. NAFED has, however, purchased 470 tonnes of green ginger in Wynad District of Kerala during the current season.

For encouraging the cultivation of ginge the measures under taken are:-i) Production of foundation seed material of ginger; ii) Scheme for laying demonstration-cum-Seed Multiplication plots of ginger. These are being implemented during 1991-92 with an outlay of Rs. 7.50 lakhs under the Central sector Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.